

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 are pending.

The office action rejects claims 1-14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-14 of co-pending applications 10/614,859, 10/614,861, 10/614,862, 10/614,863 and 10/614,864. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

None of the co-pending applications recite that "a number of said plurality of paths linking said plurality of channel units to said cache unit equals a number of said plurality of channel units" as recited in the claims of this application. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.


However, to advance prosecution, a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is being submitted with this Response. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

For at least the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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